GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INSPECTION OF ITEMS BY DGS D OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the officials of the Directorate General Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) are not inspecting the items before releasing them to the buyers and many of those items are found defective; (

(b) if so, the number of cases which have come to light of the Government and the action taken thereon; (

(c) whether the rails supplied by Bhilai Steel Plants to the Railways were found to be defective despite inspection by DGS&D officials; (d) if so, whether the Government will enquire into the matters and take punitive measures; (

(e) whether the officials of the DGS&D have amassed wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income; and (

(f) if so, the number of such cases which have come to light so far and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : As a general rule supplies against DGS&D contracts are subjected to inspection by the Quality Assurance Wing of the DGS&D at pre-despatch stage. Only the stores fully conforming to the contract specifications and duly certified so by the concerned inspection authority are cleared for despatch. However, there may be a few cases where the consignees dispute the quality of inspected stores. In such cases, remedial action is taken through joint inspection system associating representatives of the consignee.

(c) & (d) : There was one case of rejection of rails inspected by the QA Wing of the DGS&D in 1997. It was found that the rejection was due to surface defects in rails which developed after despatch. The reasons for the defects were investigated by a team of DGS&D officials, Bhilai Steel Plant, the manufacturers and Research Designs and Standards Organisation(RDSO). Based on th findings of the team suitable measures were taken. Thereafter, no repetition of this defect has been reported.

(e) & (f) : Complaints received in this regard are investigated on the basis of the enquiries conducted by CBI/Vigilance thus far, no complaint could be substantiated.